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SUBJECT: LOPEZ REGA AIMS BARB AT ECONMIN GELBARD

1. PRESS FEB 20 REPORTS THAT AT MEETING BETWEEN PERON AND
RESIDENT ARAB AMBASSADORS FEB 18 (SEEMINGLY CALLED SO THAT
LOPEZ REGA COULD REPORT ON AND DISCUSS HIS MISSION TO LIBYA)
SOCWELFARE MIN LOPEZ REGA ASSERTED JEWISH NAMES IN ARGENTINE
CABINET HAD RAISED DIFFICULTIES IN HIS RECENT NEGOTIATIONS
WITH LIBYANS--NEGOTIATIONS, HE SAID, WHICH WERE NONETHELESS
SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED.

2. PRESS SPECULATES THAT THIS REMARK, WHICH OBVIOUSLY AIMED
AT ECONMIN GELBARD, MAY PRESAGE CABINET RESHUFFLE.

3. COMMENT: REMARK IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTING COMING FROM LOPEZ
REGA. AS INDICATED IN PREVIOUS EMBASSY REPORTING, FOR PAST
SEVERAL MONTHS HE AND GELBARD HAVE BEEN ALLIES OF CONVENIENCE
IN PALACE INFIGHTING AND INTRIGUES. HIS POINTED REMARK OF
FEB 18 WOULD SUGGEST THAT ALLIANCE MAY NOW HAVE BEEN TERMI-
NATED. FURTHER, IF LOPEZ REGA HAS INDEED TURNED ON FORMER
POLITICAL ALLY, IT WOULD LEND SOME CREDENCE TO PERSISTENT
RUMORS THAT GELBARD WILL BE REPLACED WITHIN NEXT FEW MONTHS.
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